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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER

REF: (A) STATE 205973; (B) STATE 205955

1. I DELIVERED THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER ON THE IMPENDING CAMP DAVID MIDDLE EAST MEETING TO PM DESAI THIS AFTERNOON. HE EXPRESSED STRONG APPROVAL OF THIS INITIATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT AND APPRECIATION FOR BEING KEPT INFORMED.

2. IN ADDITION HE OFFERED A NUMBER OF OBSERVATIONS AS FOLLOWS: (A) THERE CAN BE NO RESOLUTION UNLESS ISRAEL AGREES TO VACATE THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, AND HE HOPES THE PRESIDENT CAN CONVINCE PM BEGIN OF THIS FACT. (B) WHEN PRESIDENT ASSAD OF SYRIA WAS HERE LAST WINTER, PM DESAI ADVISED HIM THAT SYRIA SHOULD RECOGNIZE THE EXISTENCE OF ISRAEL AND SEEK TO END THE CONFLICT IN THE AREA BY GUARANTEEING ITS SECURITY IN COMPANY WITH EGYPT AND JORDAN IN RETURN FOR A COMMITMENT BY ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW FROM THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. THE PM STILL BELIEVES A QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT ALONG THESE LINES COULD BE THE BASIS FOR A GENERAL RELAXATION OF TENSIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE ARAB STATES, AND HE BELIEVES IT NOT TO BE BEYOND REACH IF ISRAEL WILL MAKE THE NECESSARY CONCESSIONS ABOUT WITHDRAWAL FROM THE TERRITORIES IT NOW OCCUPIES. IN THE PM'S OPINION, THE GAINS THAT WOULD FOLLOW FOR THE ARAB  
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WORLD, ESPECIALLY IN TERMS OF BEING ABLE TO GET ON WITH THE MEETING OF DEVELOPMENT NEEDS, WOULD IN TIME OFFSET OR WEAR DOWN THE HARD-LINE ANTAGONISM OF COUNTRIES LIKE LIBYA AND IRAQ. (C) IN THE PM'S VIEW THE US AND USSR SHOULD BE WORKING TOGETHER FOR A SOLUTION ALONG THESE LINES.  
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